

The requirement that all HDTV implement copyright protection interferes with basic "Fair Use" rights. For many, many years, consumers have been able to tape programs for future viewing. Not content with mere advertising revenue, the consolidated media outlet want to control this too - so they can wring every last penny from the consumer, for their low quality, simplistic programming. HDTV has been very slowly adopted by the public. The greater than \$1000 USD price tag of receivers does not speed adoption, neither does the squabbling over protocols and the ensuing power struggle involved. If the adoption of HDTV is a priority, then the HDTV standard needs to be fixed and immutable. Adding more complexity, including Digital Restriction Management, will ultimately hinder adoption, increase receiver cost and destroy consumer "Fair Use" rights. It will cause consumers to merely continue using analog NTSC-based television and will cause a public backlash when NTSC broadcasts are removed.